

FISCAL NOTE

HB 1251 - SB 1674

March 25, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Designates the following as Class I-Scenic-Recreational Areas:

- I. Ghost River - 2,000 acres of bottomland hardwood forest and wetlands in Fayette County along Wolf River.
- II. Devil's Backbone - 1,300 acres of forest along western Highland Rim in Lewis County off the Natchez Trace Parkway.

The following areas are designated as Class II -Natural Scientific Areas:

- I. William L. Davenport Refuge - 120 acres in Polk County that includes a southern Appalachian bog community.
- II. Twin Falls Hollow - 80 acres in Lewis County that includes a significant amount of Tennessee yellow-eyed grass.
- III. Walker Branch Dragonfly and Damselfly Preserve - 225 acres in Hardin County near the Tennessee River providing a unique habitat for more than 37 species of dragonflies and damselflies and
- IV. Little Cedar Mountain - 244 acres in the Tennessee River Gorge in Marion County.

Changes the description designated as Hicks Gap from approximately 350 acres located within Prentice Cooper State Forest in Marion County to approximately 490 acres within Prentice Cooper State Forest and along Kelly's Ferry Slope in the Tennessee River Gorge in Marion County.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumes each area included in this bill is already under, or in the process of, coming under public ownership, or is in the process of having an easement donated to, or otherwise acquired by the state.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director